AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

In the section of the specification on page 7 entitled "Brief Description of the Drawings" please amend the fifth paragraph in this section as follows:

Fig. 5 shows the result of purification of a low molecular weight nucleic acid and a high molecular weight nucleic acid from a nucleic acid mixture according to the method of the present invention. <u>Lanes 1, 2 and 3 correspond to collections (a), (b) and (c) respectively.</u>